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SEN. EDMUND S. MUSKIE, D-MAINE, SAID A CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT PREPARED FOR HIM SHOWED THE NORTH VIETNAMESE "ARE BEGINNING TO HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT THE WISDOM OR PROBABLE SUCCESS" OF THE WAR.

"THERE IS NO ROOM FOR EXCESS OPTIMISM," THE CIA REPORT SAID, "HOWEVER, THE MILITARY SITUATION HAS STABILIZED...AND IT IS OUR ADVERSARIES WHO ARE BEGINNING TO HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT...THEIR PRESENT COURSES OF ACTION."

MUSKIE SAID IN A PREPARED SPEECH THAT HE ENDORSED THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON VIET NAM WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE CIA REPORT, "IS GETTING RESULTS." THE SPEECH WAS PREPARED FOR AN ADDRESS TO THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH AGENCIES IN PHILADELPHIA TONIGHT.

THIS POLICY "CALLS FOR THE APPLICATION OF UNREMITTING PRESSURE IN A CAREFULLY MEASURED RESPONSE TO THE AGGRESSION OF THE ENEMY," MUSKIE SAID.

A MEMBER OF THE MANSFIELD MISSION TO VIET NAM, MUSKIE SAID THE CIA REPORTED THAT EVENTS OF THE PAST YEAR "HAVE HAD A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON VIET CONG MORALE AND SHAKEN CONFIDENCE IN ULTIMATE VICTORY THROUGHOUT THEIR RANKS."

THE REPORT SAID A SPEECH FEB. 3 BY LE DUC THO, A PARTY POLITBURO MEMBER IN NORTH VIET NAM, "INDICATES THAT THE NATURE AND SIZE OF OUR PRESENT EFFORT IS BEGINNING TO GENERATE DOUBTS WITHIN THE PARTY ITSELF ABOUT THE WISDOM OF THE POLICIES OF HANOI'S LEADERS."

MUSKIE SAID THE ENEMY WAS CLOSELY WATCHING THE CURRENT U.S. DEBATE ON AMERICAN POLICY IN VIET NAM.

"UNDOUBTEDLY, HE IS ENCOURAGED BY EVERY EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING IRRECONCILABLE DIVISION AMONG US WHICH CONFIRMS HIS BELIEF THAT WE WILL TIRE AND QUIT..."

"THIS IS A PRICE WE MUST PAY, AND WHICH WE PAY WILLINGLY FOR THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE AND DISCUSS NATIONAL POLICY," MUSKIE SAID.

ONCE THE DEBATE IS CONCLUDED, THOUGH, MUSKIE SAID THE NATION MUST "UNITE AND PRESS FORWARD IN A WAY THAT WILL CONVINCE THE ENEMY WE MEAN AND SUPPORT WHAT WE SAY."

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